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Summer Celebration: Fun on the Fourth with Fireworks in King Farm

A Rockville tradition, the city's annual Independence Day celebration, returns to King Farm on Thursday, July 4.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council, the celebration is held at the 26-acre Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, in King Farm, which offers easy access and ample free parking, with convenient exits within a short walk of fireworks viewing areas.

The celebration, now in its fifth year at Stepanek Park, includes live music by The Nighthawks at 7 p.m. and a fabulous 20-minute-long fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. There is no rain date.

The entertainment and fireworks can be viewed from the park grounds. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs, food and beverage. Parking will be available in lots

on Shady Grove and Gaither roads and Piccard Drive, near the park. Rockville police will guide traffic to and from the designated lots before and after the event.

To prepare for the celebration, the Rockville Dog Park at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park will be closed from 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 2 until 11 a.m. Friday, July 5. The fireworks safety zone, which includes the football fields, tennis courts, playground and parking lots, will be closed from 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 3 through 11 a.m. Friday, July 5. There will be limited access to other parts of the park from Tuesday, July 2 through Friday, July 5.

For additional parking and general information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/independence day, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620. ✚

Rockville Names Lanham as Deputy Chief of Police

*New Hire Brings 28 Years of Experience
in Law Enforcement*

Laura Lanham will be Rockville's deputy chief of police, Rockville police Chief Victor Brito announced June 3.

Lanham has 28 years of law enforcement experience with the Montgomery County Police Department, most recently serving as an assistant chief overseeing the Patrol Services Bureau. She has served in numerous capacities as an executive officer with county police, including as director of the Criminal Investigations Division, the Legal and Labor Division, and the Policy and Planning Division. She also served as commander of the 4th District (Wheaton) and chief of the Investigative Services Bureau.

"I am humbled by my selection as the deputy chief of the Rockville City Police Department," Lanham said. "RCPD has an excellent reputation earned through many years of dedicated and professional service in the city. I look forward to working alongside members of the department and city government in their continued efforts to serve the Rockville community to the best of our ability."

Lanham earned a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice and sociology from the University of Maryland and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 263.

"I am excited to welcome Laura Lanham to the Rockville City Police Department," Brito said. "Her skills and knowledge will be immediately beneficial to the Rockville City Police Department, especially with



**Laura Lanham, Rockville
deputy chief of police.**

her current position as assistant chief of the Patrol Services Bureau and her familiarity with the Rockville community."

Lanham will be sworn in on Monday, July 15, before that night's Mayor and Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m.

The Rockville City Police Department is committed to protecting and serving the community through law enforcement, police services and education. The department strives for an open, working relationship with neighborhoods, schools and businesses to keep Rockville a safe and great place to live and work.

To learn more about the Rockville City Police Department, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ✚

SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: National Night Out

WHEN: Tuesday, Aug. 6

Host your own block party!

See article on page 4.

Most City Facilities Closed July Fourth

City Hall and the following city facilities will be closed Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day: Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers; the Rockville Senior Center; Croydon Creek Nature Center; Glenview Mansion, including the mansion's art gallery; and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and its box office.

Theater tickets are always available at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will close at 6 p.m. Find summer hours for individual swim center facilities at www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

There will be no recycling, yard waste and trash collection on July 4. Collections on a Thursday schedule will be made on Friday, July 5. For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash or call 240-314-8568.

Parking at city-owned meters will be free.

For more information, call 240-314-5000. ✚

Pedestrian Advocacy Committee Welcomes All to Future Meetings

A newly created Pedestrian Advocacy Committee is working to address concerns about pedestrian safety and walkability in Rockville.

About 30 residents attended the committee's first meeting at City Hall on June 13, including city civic association leaders and Richard Montgomery high's cluster coordinator, a representative from the city's Traffic and Transportation

Commission and the chief of the city's Traffic and Transportation Division.

The committee heard a report from city staff, including an overview of Rockville's ongoing pedestrian advocacy efforts, projects and resources such as the city's sidewalk prioritization policy. The committee also discussed the role, function and organization of the committee and held an open forum on pedestrian issues across

the city, including specific intersections, sidewalks and roads.

Eric Fulton and Corinne Abramson were selected as the committee's chair and vice chair, respectively.

The next steps are to finalize the committee's mission statement, vision and work plan, continue discussing pedestrian safety concerns and walkability, and develop suggestions and recom-

mendations for general and specific improvements.

The committee will meet on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11 at City Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Oleg Kotov, senior transportation planner, at okotov@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8527. ✚

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Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation Ordinance to go Into Effect July 1

Carbon monoxide detectors will be required July 1 in Rockville homes built prior to 2008 that have a fuel-burning appliance or attached garage.

An ordinance, passed by the Mayor and Council in November, incorporates legislation passed by the county in October. A July 1 enactment date was intended to allow residents time to understand and comply with the new requirement.

Specifically, the county bill requires owners of single-unit, two-unit and townhouse dwelling units, with fuel-burning appliances or attached garages that were permitted before Jan. 1, 2008, to install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms.

Since 2008, all new single-family dwellings and townhouses in the state have been required to install carbon monoxide detectors. Exposure to carbon monoxide can cause serious injury or death.

For help with information and referrals to purchase detectors, and assistance with installation, residents age 60 and older can contact Senior Services home maintenance coordinator Jerry Jones by email at gjones@rockville.md.gov or by phone at 240-314-8819.

Pre-Order Your New Rockville Rewards Cards

Save money while supporting your community with Rockville Rewards discount cards.

Nonprofits sell Rockville Rewards cards and keep 100 percent of the proceeds to support scholarships, homeless shelters and free medical clinics.

The cards cost \$25 and can be purchased directly from a nonprofit partner or at www.rockvillerewards.com/buy, where pre-orders are now being accepted for 2019-2020 cards. Current cards are good through Saturday, Aug. 31 for discounts at nearly 150 local businesses. The new cards will go on sale beginning Thursday, Aug. 1 and will offer savings through August 2020.

Launched in 2009, Rockville Rewards is a program of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, with grant funding from the City of Rockville.

Businesses, which participate by offering discounts to cardholders, receive free marketing and connect with customers while giving back to local nonprofits. Businesses interested in taking part should visit www.rockvillerewards.com/join-us/business.

Ride On for Free for Students

Montgomery County students can ride for free more often on county Ride On buses beginning July 1.

Montgomery County's budget for Fiscal Year 2020, which begins July 1, includes funding to expand the Kids Ride Free program to all day, every day. Free rides are available 2-8 p.m. weekdays through June 30.

Effective July 1, kindergarten through 12th-grade students who live in the county can ride any Ride On bus free by showing their school ID or Youth Cruiser SmarTrip card to the bus operator. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Youth Cruiser SmarTrip cards can be purchased for \$2 at any county library, the Silver Spring TRiPS store, the mobile commuter store, select schools and the county treasury office, with the child's proper identification.

Find a list of schools selling the cards at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/fares/youth-cruiser.html.

Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-transit/kidsridefree for more information.



Urban Land Institute Experts to Conduct Two-Day Study of Town Center

Will Present Recommendations to the Public July 10

A panel of Urban Land Institute (ULI) experts will visit Rockville for two days in July to explore and offer recommendations for enhancing the vibrancy of the city's Town Center.

The ULI panel will conduct a work session during their two-day visit called a technical assistance panel, or TAP.

TAPs are part of the ULI advisory program, in which several panelists from varying backgrounds and areas of

expertise collaborate to tour the study area, conduct interviews and work on recommendations related to land use and economic development.

Areas the institute may investigate include actions for the city to take to create a successful retail environment, profiles of successful downtowns, recommended development densities, obstacles to retail success and opportunities that the city should pursue to create a successful downtown.

Seeking analysis from an outside consultant was one of 11 potential approaches presented to the Mayor and Council to address opportunities and challenges facing the mixed-use activity center at the heart of Rockville.

The TAP will culminate in a public presentation of ULI's findings and specific recommendations for Town Center, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 in the second-floor Buchanan Room at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St.

IF YOU GO

WHAT:

Urban Land Institute to present recommendations for improving Town Center. (Open to the public.)

WHEN:

4:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 10

WHERE:

Buchanan Room, 2nd floor, VisArts, 155 Gibbs St. Also watch on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CityofRockville.

Those who can't attend in person will be able to view the presentation of recommendations via Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/CityofRockville.

Four Pickleball Courts Coming to Stepanek Park

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America, and to accommodate a burgeoning population of players in Rockville, the city is constructing four lighted, dedicated pickleball courts at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park at 1800 Piccard Drive.

Two of four basketball courts at the park will be converted and are expected to be ready for pickleball play in August, depending on weather.

A cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong, pickleball players

use an oversize paddle to hit a Whiffle Ball across a badminton-sized court in singles or doubles play. The game was invented in 1965.

Rockville has tennis courts with pickleball lines, as well as drop-in play at its community centers. For opportunities to play the sport, see Recreation and Parks' summer activity guide, "Life in Rockville," at www.rockvillemd.gov/life and find and register for classes at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration.



Players learn pickleball skills at Dogwood Park.

PUBLIC SAFETY PROUD ... Rockville City Police Department officers honored at the 30th annual Rockville Public Safety Awards on June 12 were (L to R): Lt. Andy Taglienti, Cpl. Eddie Roman, Officer Lindsay Fader and Officer Brandon Thomas. Not pictured: Cpl. Norman Paul. Learn more at https://rockvillereports.com.



DON'T BLAME IT ON THE RAIN, LEARN HOW TO DRAIN ... Recent record rainfall has some homeowners noticing unwelcome stormwater pooling in their yards. The city's Environmental Management Division offers tips to help solve the problem. "Slow it. Spread it. Sink it!" a new guide to sustainable home drainage, which can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/drainageguide, offers practical and eco-friendly techniques for capturing rainfall and controlling stormwater runoff that will help protect your property and the environment.

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Meetings: Monday, July 8 and 15 and Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Mark Pierzchala on July 8 and Councilmember Virginia D. Onley on Aug. 5.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

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City Wants Federal Help for Homes Near I-270, Infrastructure, School Safety

The city took the following requests for federal support to a June 4 meeting with the city's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.:

- **Protecting community interests in the proposed project to widen interstates 270 and 495:** The Mayor and Council are vigorously advocating with the state Department of Transportation and the governor to protect homes, businesses, and infrastructure from being taken from the nine Rockville neighborhoods that abut I-270. Read more about Rockville's efforts on behalf of the community at <https://rockvillereports.com/?s=I-270>.
- **National infrastructure program funding:** The Mayor and Council support a potential \$2 trillion federal program to rebuild the nation's crumbling infrastructure and submitted a list of several shovel-ready Rockville projects, including sanitary sewer improvements, stormwater system

renovations, bridge rehabilitations, and asphalt repair and replacement.

- **Advocacy for school safety:** Calling public safety one of their highest priorities, the Mayor and Council said the city is ready to partner with the city's congressional delegation to support federal gun control legislation, including new background checks and firearms safety research. Additional federal aid and technical support would also benefit students attending public schools in Rockville and could be used to provide additional school resource officers and advanced security measures.

Find more information, including video of the Mayor and Council's June 3 discussion of the federal priorities at www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter. For more on Rockville's federal priorities, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115. ✚

Rockville's Mayor and Council Adopt \$138.9 Million Budget

Rockville residents will pay the same property tax rate as they have for the last 11 fiscal years, under the budget for Fiscal Year 2020 that the Mayor and Council approved May 6.

The FY 2020 operating budget of \$138.9 million is an increase of 2% over the FY 2019 operating budget. The city's current tax rates of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation for real property and \$0.805 per \$100 of assessed valuation for personal property will remain the same. The adopted budget includes increases to average residential bills for water and

sewer. These rate increases are necessary to repair and replace aging water and sewer pipes and other infrastructure vital to providing these services.

The FY 2020-FY 2024 Capital Improvements Program, the five-year plan for funding new construction and infrastructure maintenance, totals \$77.6 million, an increase of 14.7% from FY19, to support 43 projects during the fiscal year.

For more details, visit <https://rockvillereports.com/rockvilles-mayor-and-council-adopt-138-9-million-budget>. ✚

Mayor and Council Approve Ban on Plastic Drinking Straws

Ban Includes Exceptions Based on Needs of Customers and Businesses

The Mayor and Council voted June 17 to simplify a ban on plastic drinking straws by including exceptions for certain businesses and customers.

The goal of the ban, which is part of a ban on polystyrene in food plates, trays, containers and packing materials that took effect Jan. 1, is to significantly reduce the number of plastic straws that are used once and thrown away. It would eliminate the practice of food establishments giving customers plastic straws before determin-

ing whether they want one.

Exceptions to the ban avoid the need for businesses to determine a customer's physical need for a straw or the customer having to show proof of such a need. The ban would not apply if:

- A customer requests a straw. Customers will not be required to show proof of a physical need for the straw.
- Businesses recycle or compost straws.
- A food service establishment has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the chief

Rockville Again Recognized as a 'Banner City'

Rockville has been named a 2019-2020 "Banner City" by the Maryland Municipal League, which recognizes the municipalities' elected and appointed officials as the league's most engaged members.

The Banner City/Town program is intended to foster an environment where officials feel that their activities make a difference. According to MML, the award demonstrates municipalities' "outstanding commitment to MML programs and activities through the involvement of their elected and appointed officials."

The league represents Maryland's 157 municipal governments and two special taxing districts. Its mission is to strengthen and support municipal government through advocacy and development of effective leadership.

Municipalities designated as banner cities or towns:

- Are recognized among their peers as an active participant in showcasing municipal government and how it works.
- Foster goodwill by educating youth about municipal government.
- Maximize their MML membership by taking part in league programs and activities.
- Ensure the voice of their municipality is heard on issues relevant to the membership and in matters of legislative priorities.

Eighty-four municipalities were in contention for the 2019 Banner City/Town designation. The towns and cities receiving the honor this year were recognized at MML's annual summer convention, held June 23-26 in Ocean City. ✚

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- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. Learn more below and find other ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **July 2, Aug. 6 Asian Pacific American Task Force** 7:30 p.m.
- **July 9; Aug. 13 Human Services Advisory Commission** 6:30 p.m.
- **July 10; Aug. 14 Cultural Arts Commission** 7:30 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive.
- **July 10, 24; Aug. 7 Planning Commission*** 7 p.m.
- **July 11 Board of Appeals** 9 a.m.
- **July 11, 18, 25; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Development Review Committee** 9 a.m.
- **July 11, 23, 30 Board of Supervisors of Elections** 6 p.m.
- **July 11 Pedestrian Advocacy Committee**, 7 p.m.
- **July 11 Environment Commission** 7 p.m.
- **July 16, Aug. 20 Rockville Seniors, Inc.** 2 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.
- **July 17; Aug. 21 Rockville Sister City Corporation** 7 p.m.
- **July 18 Historic District Commission** 7 p.m.
- **July 24; Aug. 28 Rockville Housing Enterprises** 6:30 p.m., David Scull Courts Community Center, 1133 First St.
- **July 24, Aug. 28 Human Rights Commission** 7:30 p.m.
- **July 25 Recreation and Park Advisory Board** 7 p.m., Pump House, 401 S. Horners Lane.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (2)
- Boards and Commissions Task Force (4)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Environment Commission (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Historic District Commission (5 reg./1 alt.)
- Human Rights Commission (4)
- Human Services Advisory Board (1)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Retirement Board (1)
- Sign Review Board (2)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.



STAY INFORMED: The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil. Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting.



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www.youtube.com/cityofrockville

Applications Being Accepted for Community Development Block Grants

Money Can Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Household or Neighborhood Projects

Rockville is accepting applications for an anticipated \$263,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds it will receive this fall.

CDBG money can be used to provide grants to applicants for housing and community development projects that benefit low- and moderate-income households or neighborhoods.

Grant applications for housing providers will be released in July. Applications will be reviewed and prioritized by city staff and forwarded, with recommendations, to the Mayor and Council for review and approval for submission to Montgomery County in late fall. Rockville receives CDBG funds through Montgomery County.

Visit the city's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/2181 for more information, or contact rehabilitation specialist Martin Dasler at 240-314-8208 or mdasler@rockvillemd.gov.

Doing Business with the City?

One-Stop Registration Offers Option for Finding Minority-, Female- Or Disabled-owned Companies

Connecting minority-, female- or disabled-run companies that want to do business with the city became a little easier in February.

That's when Rockville joined Montgomery County's Inter-Agency Central Vendor Registration System, a one-stop registration system for companies interested in providing goods and services to Rockville or four county procurement agencies that are part of the system.

The city's Minority, Female, and Disabled-owned Businesses Outreach Program, which is now in its third year, seeks to enable those vendors to more easily do business with the city. The registration system will allow city staff to more easily find and connect with minority-, female- and disabled-owned vendors from which they can purchase goods and services.

Montgomery County Government, Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools, Housing Opportunities Commission and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission are also members of the Inter-Agency Central Vendor Registration System.

Vendors interested in registration can find more information at <https://mcipcc.net>. To learn more about Rockville's MFD program, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/231/Procurement.

The Election 2019 Calendar, and What to Do If You Won't Be Home

The City of Rockville will conduct a Vote by Mail election for mayor and four councilmembers this fall. Here are some important election dates:

- **Friday, Sept. 6:** Deadline to file as a candidate.
- **Friday, Sept. 20:** Deadline for the city to receive alternative address ballot delivery requests. Find more information below.
- **Sunday, Oct. 6-Saturday, Oct. 12:** Ballots mailed to registered voters. If you will not be at the address the city has on record when ballots are mailed, you may provide an alternative address to which the ballot can be mailed. To apply for alternative address delivery, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/election or call 240-314-8286. Alternative address delivery requests must be received by Sept. 20.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 5:** Voters must return filled-out ballots to City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., by 8 p.m., either by postage-paid mail, at a secure dropbox or in person on Nov. 5 at City Hall.



National Night Out Celebrates the Community's Role in Crime Prevention

Meet Neighbors, Connect with Police Officers

Rockville neighbors are invited to celebrate their communities on Tuesday, Aug. 7 as the Rockville City Police Department participates in National Night Out.

Now in its 36th year, National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It aims to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, generate support for anti-crime programs and strengthen community spirit and community policing partnerships. Neighborhoods will host block parties featuring cookouts, bounce houses, carnival games and giveaways.

McGruff the Crime Dog will stop by several block parties to spread his anti-crime and anti-drug message. The

Mayor and Council, RCPD officers and members of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office will also visit many of the gatherings.

This year, officers will be handing out purple wristbands and glow sticks to raise awareness about the Rockville Goes Purple communitywide campaign against the opioid crisis.

Residents are invited to turn on outdoor lights as part of the traditional display of front porch vigils, sending the message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/nno. To register your block party, contact Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922 or kmatney@rockvillemd.gov.

Mayor and Council Consider What's Next for RedGate Property

The Mayor and Council, at their Monday, June 17 meeting, voted to use a master planning process, with significant involvement from the public, that should help determine future uses for the former 18-hole course. However, the Mayor and Council will wait until an ongoing strategic planning process for the city's recreation, parks and facilities is complete before making final decisions on the approach to the master planning process.

That strategic plan, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROs) plan, will set goals and objectives for the future of parks, trails, recreation facilities, programs and services within the city, and will be central to the Mayor and Council's effort to shape plans for the RedGate property.

The PROs plan is expected to be presented to the Mayor and Council by the end of 2019.

In the meantime, staff will develop a scope of work for a consultant to master plan for RedGate, should the Mayor and Council decide on that route, to be delivered to the Mayor and Council concurrently with the PROs plan.

A report by the National Golf Foundation concluded that RedGate could only survive as a viable golf course if significant repairs and renovations, estimated at \$3.2 million, were made to the 18-hole course. Even then, the course would only be returned to minimally acceptable levels. Based on that information, the Mayor and Council voted to discontinue using the property for golf.

To watch the Mayor and Council's discussion on RedGate, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/Agenda and select the TV icon next to the June 17 agenda item.

Annual Crime Report Shows Reductions in Assaults, Burglaries and Robberies

The Rockville City Police Department reported a decrease in violent crimes in 2018, in an annual crime report that offers analysis of the year's crime statistics and details the department's ongoing community policing mission.

Each year, the department prepares a crime report under the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System.

"All of the department's accomplishments are a direct result of many people working together to do things right," Victor V. Brito, who was sworn in as police chief June 18, 2018, wrote in a message introducing the report.

"Exceptional personnel and community support are vital to the department's continued growth and success. A renewed emphasis was placed on community policing and strengthening community relationships by demonstrating accountability and transparency. And the year ended with notable reductions in violent crimes."

RCPD's 64 officers responded to 25,714 calls for service in 2018, or 68% of all calls to city or county police or the county sheriff's office within Rockville's city limits.

Overall, between 2017 and 2018, Group A offenses – 52 crimes categorized by NIBRS as crimes against persons, crimes against property or crimes against society – decreased by 3.1%, from 2,650 to 2,557.

Crimes against persons, which include homicides, assaults and sex offenses, increased by 5.7%, from 442 offenses in 2017 to 476 offenses in 2018. Notably, aggravated assaults fell by nearly 24%, from 46 to 35.

Crimes against property, including burglaries, robberies, thefts and vandalism, decreased by 7.9%

(from 1,750 to 1,611).

Crimes against society, including drug, prostitution and weapons offenses, increased by 6.8%, from 458 to 489, primarily due to an 8.2% increase in drug/narcotic violations.

New this year, the report includes a section on heroin/opioid incidents that city or county police responded to within the city limits. Police made 20 heroin- or opioid-related arrests in 2018 and responded to 13 reports of overdoses. Of those, police administered the rescue drug Narcan in seven cases. Three reported overdoses were fatal. The city launched its Rockville Goes Purple communitywide campaign against the opioid crisis earlier this year.

The report also includes:

- A table showing the number of incidents in which officers were assaulted in the past nine years.
- A section summarizing complaint cases and use-of-force incidents.
- An internal affairs report section summarizing the number of warrants served, guns seized, officers assaulted and other data. Of 821 arrests made in 2018, there were 11 use-of-force incidents, representing 1% of arrests.
- A section on the department's strategies and initiatives, including its focus on recruitment and retention with an emphasis on diversity in hiring, and increased training opportunities.

To read the full report, which will be included in an annual report published by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments this summer, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/267/Crime-Statistics-Reports.



Housing Providers Forum on Community Development Block Grants

Learn about the nuts and bolts of the CDBG program, funding process and requirements.

10-11:30 a.m., Friday, July 12
Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.



ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS: • Don't advertise vacation plans. Have a trusted neighbor, friend or relative check on your home while you are away. Stop mail and paper deliveries. Set timers on lights in rooms that are normally used. • Always lock bicycles to a stationary object. The best device is a hardened steel u-shaped lock. • When working in the yard, make sure front, rear and garage doors are locked. Find more tips weekly at www.rockvillemd.gov/271/Weekly-Crime-Reports.

County's e-Scooter and e-Bike Pilot Arrives in Rockville

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's pilot for e-scooters and e-bikes rolled out to areas of the county, including Rockville, on June 1.

Under the program, customers, who must be 18 or older with a valid driver's license, use a mobile app to locate a nearby dockless bike or e-scooter with GPS and unlock it.

If you use the program, here's a few things to remember:

- Use a helmet.
- Ride on the street only. No sidewalk riding of e-bikes or e-scooters.
- Observe the rules of the road:
 - No riding on roads where the speed limit is greater than 50 mph.
 - No riding with both ears covered by headsets or earplugs.
- When parking, do not block sidewalks, curb ramps, bus stops and entrances.



This is the third phase of Montgomery County's pilot testing of dockless vehicles. As the first suburban jurisdiction in the country with dockless bikeshare, Montgomery County has already conducted a pilot test of dockless bikes in Silver Spring, Takoma Park and North Bethesda. The program serves the county's goal of providing more environmentally friendly transportation options.

For more information on the program, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bikeshare.

Ride On Flex: On-demand Service Comes to County Transit

Pickup Zone Includes Area of Rockville

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation has introduced Ride On Flex, an on-demand transit service, to defined Rockville and Glenmont/Wheaton zones.

Flex began June 26 and will run for one year as a pilot program. The new service has no fixed stops or schedules, and rides can be booked using a mobile app. The 11-passenger buses in the new fleet are wheelchair accessible, offer free Wi-Fi and provide corner-to-corner service. However, rides must be booked.

Customers can download the Ride On Flex app to their smartphones; select pickup and drop-

off locations within the zone; and go to the pickup location.

In Rockville, the zone for pickup is roughly south of Rockville Pike, from Beall Avenue (including Rockville Town Square) in the north to West Edmonston Drive in the south. The precise boundaries are available on a map at www.RideOnFlex.com.

Standard Ride On fare policy applies. Customers should load cash or fare on their SmarTrip cards before boarding.

For details on the Rockville and Glenmont/Wheaton service areas and hours of operation, visit RideOnFlex.com.

A FLASHIER WAY TO WALK ... The city in May installed a pedestrian-activated flashing device at the crosswalk at East Middle Lane and Helen Heneghan Way in Rockville Town Center. Similar devices are scheduled to be installed this summer along Beall Avenue at Gibbs Street and at Maryland Avenue. Learn more about Town Center pedestrian safety upgrades at www.rockvillereports.com.



Accessory Buildings Revisions Head to Public Hearing

The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing, Monday, July 15, on text amendments to the city's zoning ordinance that govern accessory buildings — detached structures such as garages or sheds that are located in the rear yards of residential lots.

The Mayor and Council are considering more

flexibility in the size of accessory buildings for single-family homes.

To testify, call 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. the day of the hearing or by submitting testimony in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or City Clerk/Director of Council Operations, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

City's Water Quality Receives High Marks for Safety

Treatment Plant Upgrades, New Testing Requirements Yield Same Good Results

Rockville's drinking water continues to be safe and reliable, the city's Department of Public Works said in the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, released July 1.

Rockville's drinking water met or exceeded all drinking water quality regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency and adopted and enforced by the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Last year, new construction within city limits pushed the number of water

customers the city serves past 50,000 for the first time. Crossing that threshold led to additional water quality monitoring by MDE, including annual lead and copper testing. Previously, such testing was done once every three years.

Lead and copper testing of tap water samples taken from 87 addresses within the city in 2018 once again confirmed the safety of the city's water. The testing detected lead in just three samples, at levels far below where the EPA requires regulatory or remedial action.

The tests also showed copper levels far below the EPA action level.

The city is completing the design of a project to rehabilitate the plant's electrical system, which had not been upgraded since the plant opened in 1958. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2020.

Additionally, 2018 was the fifth consecutive year the city received the Director's Award for its voluntary participation in the Partnership for Safe Water. The award, given by an alliance of six prestigious

drinking water organizations, recognizes the competence of the city's water plant operators and their desire to go beyond regulatory standards to achieve the highest water quality for Rockville's water customers.

Learn more about the source and quality of Rockville's drinking water by viewing the full Annual Water Quality Report at www.rockvillemd.gov/annualwaterquality2019. To speak with someone about the report, call 240-314-8556.

Bashiri Appointed to Four-Year Term on Maryland Historical Trust

City of Rockville Preservation Planner Sheila Bashiri will serve as a trustee for Montgomery County on the 15-member board of the Maryland Historical Trust, a state agency committed to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past.

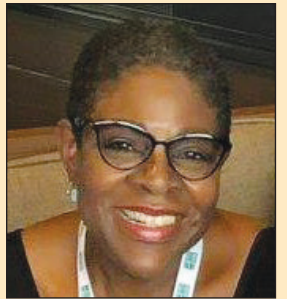
Bashiri was among 124 people nominated by Gov.

Larry Hogan as "green bag" appointments to boards and commissions across the state, so named from the color of the satchel in which the names are traditionally presented for approval from the Senate Executive Nominations Committee.

"Marylanders deserve the most capable and dedicated representatives for these critically important positions, and we are extremely proud of the qualified individuals being submitted today," Hogan said in a press release.

The Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees is a policymaking body that decides on issues such as statewide historic preservation grant funding and historic property easements. Bashiri's four-year term began July 1. She also serves on the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions board and is vice president of Heritage Montgomery.

To learn more about the trust, visit mht.maryland.gov.



City's Community Empowerment Grant Leads to New Neighborhood Notice Board

East Rockville neighbors will stay in the know, thanks to a new message board, just one of the neighborhood projects made possible through Rockville's Community Empowerment Grants program.

The East Rockville Civic Association applied to the program to help pay for a new notice board. It replaces one originally donated by a civic association member that had become too weathered to use.

"We felt that a tried and true or 'old school' method of sharing news, namely a public bulletin board, would be a wise investment towards our goal of keeping as many folks as possible informed," East Rockville Civic Association Vice President Chris Hausheer said.

Neighborhood, civic or homeowners associations; community groups; and organized groups of neighbors are eligible to apply for community empowerment grants. Neighbors who are willing to match funding through cash, in-kind donation and volunteer hours are also eligible.

Applications are reviewed and awarded by the City Manager's Office, and typically range from \$500-\$1,000 each.

Other grants were provided to: the Rockville-Yilan City Corporation for the 2019 Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival; Hungerford Civic Association for a spring clean-up weekend and public little library; Twinbrook Community Association for Twinbrook Shred Day; Regent Square Condominium for a memorial garden; Lincoln Park Civic Association for an outreach program; and Rose Hill Falls for a community gathering.

For more information on the grant-application process, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/153.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN WATCHING ON YOUTUBE ... Now on Rockville 11's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/cityofrockville): Find recaps of city and county LGBT pride events, get ready to celebrate Independence Day with the city's fireworks celebration (see page 1), hear from Rockville's Public Safety Awards recipients (see page 2), and prepare for Peace Day with peace warrior and Rockville resident Jeni Stepanek (see page 7).

Connect with us on Social Media.



A Summer of Free Evening Fun Planned for Town Square on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

VisArts Create on The Square: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 19-Aug. 28

A hands-on outdoor art lab to inspire the artist in you. VisArts will provide instructors, art assistants and all art materials for each event.

July 3, Aug. 14: Fluid Painting

Participants over the age of 10 can learn about this fun and easy style of painting. Participants will be given four ceramic tiles to experiment with. Tiles can be taken home with directions for varnishing them to protect the surfaces. Younger participants must be accompanied by an adult to try this project.

July 10, 24, Aug. 28: Try the Wheel

Participants will have the opportunity to experience the magic (and challenges) of working on a pottery wheel. This is a creative experience and nothing will be taken home.

July 17: Pendulum Painting

The intersection of art and science. Participants older than 7 will make a canvas using a pendulum and paint. All participants can take their canvas home with them. Younger participants must work with an adult.

July 31: Crab Shell Painting

Using acrylic paint markers, participants can create a beautiful one-of-a-kind work of art suitable for hanging on a Christmas tree or in a window.

Aug. 7: Garden Gnomes

Start with a cone-shaped piece of clay and add faces, hats and other details to make a garden feature. Participants must be age 8 and older (or, if younger, working with a parent). Work will be fired at VisArts and can be picked up in the main office on the third floor after two weeks. Gnomes can be painted and sealed at home to complete the project.

Aug. 21: Date Night Drawing!

Sit opposite your friend or partner and experience the fun and challenge of making a continuous line drawing.

Salsa at The Square: 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, June 6-Sept. 26

Start your weekend off with a night of Latin dance classes by local favorite Victor Maysonet, followed by DJ-led music to dance and recharge to.

2019 Friday Night Live Summer Concert Series: 6-9 p.m. Through Sept. 27

July 5: Mambo Combo (Latin/salsa).

July 12: Scott Kurt and Memphis 59 (country).

July 19: The Crowdaddies (roots/zydeco).

July 26: Hustle Souls (indie-pop).

Aug. 2: The Natty Beaux (swing).

Aug. 9: The Players Band (ska/reggae).

Aug. 16: Guys in Thin Ties ('80s tribute).

Aug. 23: Matt Hutchison and the Big Gin (pop/rock).

Aug. 30: Moonshine Society (blues/roots/soul).

Sept. 6: Will Hill (reggae/rock and soul).

Sept. 13: Baltimore Rockabilly (rockabilly).

Sept. 20: Justin Trawick and the Common Good (bluegrass/Americana).

Sept. 27: Mambo Combo (Latin/salsa).

Back to Baltimore, Pops at the Square and Down the Rabbit Hole: What's Coming in Entertainment this Summer

A musical interpretation of a classic John Waters movie, a summer evening of pops and Lewis Carroll's most famous tale becomes ballet during July.

"Hairspray," presented by Rockville Musical Theatre. 8 p.m. July 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20; 2 p.m. July 14 and 21 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

In this performance based on the John Waters movie, it's 1962 in Baltimore, and Tracy Turnblad has only one desire — to dance on the "Corny Collins Show." When her dreams come true, she is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network — all without denting her do. Music by Marc Shaiman; lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman; book by Thomas Meehan and Mark O'Donnell. Directed by TJ Lukacsina, with musical direction by Marci Shegogue and choreography by Rikki Lacewell.

Tickets cost \$25; \$23 for seniors (62 and older) and students.

"Summer Evening of Pops!" presented by the Rockville Concert Band. 7 p.m. Sunday, July 7, Rockville Town Square.

Under the direction of John Saint Amour, the Rockville Concert Band will

perform a free jazz, Broadway and patriotic spectacular. Bring a lawn chair.

Call 240-314-8681 for more information.

"Alice in Wonderland," presented by the Rockville Civic Ballet. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 28 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

Under the direction of Eleanor Simpson, the Rockville Civic Ballet will present an original performance based on Lewis Carroll's famous story. Tickets cost \$17; \$13 for children 12 and younger and seniors 60 and older.

Sing with the Rockville Chorus

Auditions for the Rockville Chorus will be held the evening of Monday, Sept. 9. To schedule an audition, email arts programs supervisor Betty Wisda at bwisda@rockvillemd.gov.

The Rockville Chorus holds rehearsals from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays from September to May in the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Social Hall, 603 Edmonston Drive. The annual holiday and spring concerts will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 and Sunday, May 17, at the theater.

For tickets or more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, call the box office at 240-314-8690, or email theatre@rockvillemd.gov.

Movies in the Parks: Four Movies. Four Weeks. Four Neighborhood Parks

Mark your summer entertainment calendar for Rockville's free outdoor Movies in the Parks, on the big screen at neighborhood parks throughout the city on Wednesdays in August.

Bring chairs, blankets, food and beverages and enjoy four family-friendly movies at four different neighborhood parks. Movies begin at dusk (approximately 8 p.m.) and are free. Last year, more than 300 people attended each week.

The 2019 schedule is:

- **"Smallfoot"** (PG) on Aug. 7, at Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Drive.
 - **"The Mighty Ducks"** (PG) on Aug. 14, at Woodley Gardens Park, 900 Nelson St.
 - **"The Little Mermaid"** (G) on Aug. 21, at Maryvale Park, 812 First St.
 - **"Sherlock Gnomes"** (PG) on Aug. 28, at Potomac Woods Park, 1380 Stratton Drive.
- Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov/moviesintheparks.

Still Plenty to do for Kids and Teens this Summer!

There's still time to register, with the course number, for summer programs for teens and kids.

If you're looking for activities in late summer, consider these:

- **Coach Doug Summer Camp Adventures**, with before- and aftercare options, combines sports and space science with a focus on team-building for kids ages 5-13. (Register with course #8398 or #8399.)
- **Deilab Coding Camp:** Campers ages 9-12 code their own interactive stories, games and animations. (Register with course #8458.)
- **Gymnastics Trampoline and Cheer:** Kids ages 6-14 learn basic gymnastics, tumbling and trampoline skills. (Register with course #8400, #8403 or #8562.)
- **Hip Hop and More:**

Campers can experience dance styles such as jazz, modern and Haitian. For ages 7-12. (Register with course #8396.)

- **Robotics:** Campers ages 11-14 learn mechanical and programming concepts and create challenge-solving robots using Lego Mindstorms kits. (Register with course #8404.)
- **UK Elite International Sports Camp:** Play the world's favorite games, which may include soccer, rugby, cricket and ultimate frisbee. For ages 6-12. (Register with course #8435.)

See more activities and register at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. For more details on summer activities, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/life and select the "2019 Summer Camp Guide." ❖

A Summer Full of Health Awareness at the Senior Center

Over the next two months at Rockville Senior Center, learn basic first aid, all about aches and pains, and how to get to the root of an illness.

Register at the senior center's information desk, by calling 240-314-8800 or online at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration. Classes are free unless otherwise noted.

Basic First Aid 1-2 p.m. Monday, July 1

Tips on summer-related heat exhaustion, heat stroke, dehydration, burns, insect bites and wound care. Register with course #10346.

Oh My Aching Back 1-2 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

Maintain a healthy spine and back and what to do when you're experiencing pain. Register with course #10207.

Stress Reduction/ Meditation Mondays, July 1-Sept. 2

Focus, relax and come to a more peaceful sense of being. \$30, members; \$40, nonmembers. Register with course #10195.

Oral Meds Versus Topicals or Injectables for Muscle/ Skeletal and Neuromuscular Conditions 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20.

An overview of chronic

muscular, skeletal and neurological problems that lead to chronic inflammatory, degenerative and mechanical disorders, and available non-surgical treatments with medications.

Register with course #10197.

Functional Medicine: Getting to the Root of the Problem 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22.

Finding the root cause of an illness by using individualized, patient-centered, science-based approaches. Register with course #10206.

Friends Corner: Presented by the Asian American Health Initiative

Dimensions of Wellness (in Korean) 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

Health and the eight dimensions of wellness. Register with course #10345.

Transportation (in Korean) 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Learn about various transportation options the county offers. Register with course #10343.

Google Translate for iPhones (in Mandarin) 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27.

How to download Google Translate, a helpful translation app, and use its features. Bring your iPhone. Register with course #10233. ❖

Bankshot Basketball for All

Learn about a family-friendly game of pure skill that everyone can play!

Saturday, Aug. 17 at 1 p.m.
Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park,
1800 Piccard Drive

Bankshot™ is an inclusive way to play basketball that brings players of all levels of fitness and ability together on a court with different styles of backboards to create unique shot challenges.



PASSPORT TO FITNESS ... Due to popular demand, Lincoln Park, Twinbrook, and Thomas Farm community centers are offering a new Annual Combo Fitness Pass. This pass allows you to use the fitness room and locker rooms at any of Rockville's three community centers for a low annual rate of \$300 for residents and \$350 for nonresidents.

July/August CALENDAR

CC Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.

GM Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.

FSF F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.

LP Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.

CH Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.

SR Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.

FACILITIES LEGEND:

SFC Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.

TF Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.

TC Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



JULY

1,15 MEMORY CAFÉ. Alzheimer's Association Memory Cafés offer a fun and relaxed way for people living with early-stage memory loss to connect with one another through social events that promote interaction and companionship. Meets first and third Mondays of the month. Call Pamela Mills for preregistration screening at 240-499-9024. Free. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

2,9,16,23,30 ROCKVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TUESDAY EVENING RIDES. 6:30 p.m. Meet in the Westat parking lot, 1450 Westat Blvd.

3 THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF THE FREEDOM OF DRIVING. The emotional impact of stopping driving and how to cope with it. Free. 10:30 a.m.-noon **SR**

6,13,20,27 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in the jury parking lot.

7 SUMMER EVENING OF POPS! with the Rockville Concert Band. *See article on page 6.*

9 LOTTERY FOR FARMERS MARKET CHECKS FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS. Free "checks" for use at regional farmers markets, worth \$30, will be distributed by lottery to Montgomery County residents ages 60 and older with incomes less than \$23,107 (family of one). Call 240-777-3810 for more information. 10 a.m. **SR**

11 POLLIWOG ADVENTURES: NATURE SENSES. Little ones will learn about nature in a hands-on environment and explore a topic in natural history through stories, short hikes, games and activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Ages: 2-5 years. Register for course #9680. 10-11 a.m. \$7R/\$9NR. **CC**

12 HOUSING PROVIDERS FORUM ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS. 10-11:30 a.m. *See ad on page 4.* **CH**

16 SKATEPARK DESIGN WORKSHOP #2. A follow-up workshop to one held in May for you to tell us what features you'd like to see in the new concrete skate park planned for Rockville. Take the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNLXLK7. 6:30-8:30 p.m. **CH**

17 HOT DIGGITY DOG INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT Grandparents and grandchildren, ages 7 and older, are invited for hot dogs with all the trimmings, dessert and beverage. Register with course #10228. \$12 MEM/\$15 NM. 6-7:30 p.m. **SR**

18 POLLIWOG ADVENTURES: LIFE UNDER A LOG. Little ones will learn about nature in a hands-on environment and explore a topic in natural history through stories, short hikes, games and activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Ages: 2-5 years. Register for course #9681. 10-11 a.m. \$7R/\$9NR. **CC**

20 SUPER BINGO, SPONSORED BY ROCKVILLE SENIORS, INC. A \$50 buy-in for 12 regular games and 12 special games. Prizes include \$100 for regular games, \$150 for special games, small jackpot for \$300, and \$1,000 for main jackpot. Lunch is included. Super Bingo games can be purchased during Wednesday Bingo at 7 p.m. or the day of the event. Lunch at noon. Games begin at 1 p.m. **SR**

25 POLLIWOG ADVENTURES: FEATHERS AND FUR. Little ones will learn about nature in a hands-on environment and explore a topic in natural history through stories, short hikes, games and activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Ages: 2-5 years. Register for course #9682. 10-11 a.m. \$7R/\$9NR. **CC**

27,28 ALICE IN WONDERLAND. The Rockville Civic Ballet. *See article on page 6.* **FSF**

30 CONTINUING A LIFESTYLE OF WELLBEING. Pamela Mills, director of Memory Café Programs, Ingleside, will discuss the components of wellbeing overall, the importance of engaging in one's own wellbeing and how its essential quality-of-life components can be maintained during later adult years. 1-2:30 p.m. Free. **SR**

AUGUST

3,10,17,24,31 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in the jury parking lot.

3 THE BUZZ ABOUT HONEYBEES. Discover fascinating facts about honeybees, sample types of honey. Registration required. Children under 10 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Register for course #9611. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

6,13,20,27 ROCKVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TUESDAY EVENING RIDES. 6:30 p.m. Meet at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

7,14,21,28 MOVIES IN THE PARKS. *See article on page 6.*

8 POLLIWOG ADVENTURES: SNAKES AND TURTLES. Little ones will learn about nature in a hands-on environment and explore a topic in natural history through stories, short hikes, games and activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Ages: 2-5 years. Register for course #9683. 10-11 a.m. \$7R/\$9NR. **CC**

13,14 RIDE SMART TRAVEL TRAINING. Learn how to use public transportation (Ride On and Metro) in this free, two-part program. Day one includes in-classroom training. Day two, hands-on learning about bus, station and fares. Ride on Metrorail. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**

15 POLLIWOG ADVENTURES: SUPER SEEDS. Little ones will learn about nature in a hands-on environment and explore a topic in natural history through stories, short hikes, games and activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Ages: 2-5 years. Register for course #9684. 10-11 a.m. \$7R/\$9NR. **CC**

17 CREEK CRAWL. Spend an afternoon in Croydon Creek searching and identifying critters. Wear closed-toe shoes and bring a towel. Children younger than 7 must be accompanied by an adult. All adults must register. Register for course #9609. 10-11:30 a.m. \$5R/\$6NR. **CC**

17 BANKSHOT BASKETBALL FOR ALL. 1 p.m. Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive. *See ad on page 6.*

15,19 MEMORY CAFÉ. Alzheimer's Association Memory Cafés offer a fun and relaxed way for people living with early-stage memory loss to connect with one another through social events that promote interaction and companionship. Meets first and third Mondays of the month. Call Pamela Mills for preregistration screening at 240-499-9024. Free. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

22 POLLIWOG ADVENTURES: BUTTERFLIES AND BUGS. Little ones will learn about nature in a hands-on environment and explore a topic in natural history through stories, short hikes, games and activities. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Ages: 2-5 years. Register for course #9685. 10-11 a.m. \$7R/\$9NR. **CC**

29 ALL DAY EXERCISE 60+. Preview fall 2019 senior center classes. Complimentary 25-minute demonstrations offered throughout the day. Free. Register with course #9755. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR**

Peace Day Celebration 2019

Celebrating Mattie Stepanek's birthday with PEACE

SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

FREE STREET FAIR 1-5 PM
PARTY CONTINUES IN BOTANERO 5-8 PM

KING FARM VILLAGE GREEN,
BOTANERO & FONTINA GRILLE RESTAURANTS
PLEASANT DRIVE & KING FARM BLVD
ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

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DJ GENIUS (1-5 PM)
JACKIE ZAMORA & ZAMDANCE (5-8 PM)

STREET FAIR LIVE PERFORMANCES INCLUDE:
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FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX

Get Moving with Adult Sports

Registration for fall's adult sports leagues is now open with a slew of activities to keep you healthy, involved and moving throughout fall.

Men's softball, men's basketball and women's volleyball leagues are open for play, as well as co-rec soccer 7s, co-rec reverse softball and co-rec volleyball.

Most leagues begin games in September (men's softball begins the week of Aug. 19). The city's Sports Division maintains a list of individual players for teams that need to complete their rosters.

Deadlines to register are:

- Men's softball: Aug. 1.
- Co-rec reverse softball: Aug. 22.
- Co-rec volleyball: Aug. 22.
- Women's volleyball: Aug. 22.
- Soccer 7s: Friday, Aug. 23.
- Men's basketball: Sept. 5.

Find out more by calling 240-314-8620, emailing sports@rockvillemd.gov or visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports.

New Recreation Guide Due Out July 29

Look out for the fall recreation guide, "Rockville Life," from the City of Rockville, due out July 29.

The guide is packed with programs, courses and events for those who live and work in the city (or who are just visiting), for all ages, including sports, arts, before- and afterschool care, and health and fitness.

For the 60-plus community, watch out for "Adults 60+," which will be available July 18, listing the programs and services presented by the Rockville Senior Center.

This year's registration deadline is Thursday, Aug. 1 for general registration, and Tuesday, July 30 for the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center and members of the Rockville Senior Center.

See the guides online at www.rockvillemd.gov/life, with printed copies available at City Hall, the senior center, community centers and other facilities.

Street Paving Scheduled for Neighborhoods East of MD 355

The city is scheduled to continue resurfacing roads in the Twinbrook neighborhood through July.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/street-repairs to learn about the paving process and find updated paving schedules.

"No parking" signs will be posted within 48 hours of the start of work. Temporary traffic stoppages are necessary for safety but should have minimal impact on traffic. The schedule is subject to change based on weather conditions and coordination with other utility work. Paving will occur between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Rockville streets are evaluated and maintained through the asphalt maintenance program, which is funded annually through the city's Capital Improvements Program. Rockville repaves streets to create a smoother drive for motorists and to preserve the integrity of roads.



Twilight Runfest Returns July 20

The Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest, presented by the Rockville Rotary Club Foundation and the City of Rockville, celebrates its 34th year in 2019.

The 8-kilometer road race and family fun run will be held Saturday, July 20.

Registration is open at <http://rockvilletwilighter.org>.

The pre-race festival will begin in downtown Rockville at 6:30 p.m. with food vendors, community booths and merchants. The

fun run begins at 7:45 p.m.; the 8K starts at 8:15 p.m.

The fee through July 17 is \$34. The race-day registration fee is \$45. The fee for participants 17 and under is \$15 (\$20 on race day). The 1-mile fun run is \$10 per individual, \$30 per family (for one adult and unlimited kids).

For more information on the Twilight Runfest, visit <http://rockvilletwilighter.org>, or find it on Facebook, at www.facebook.com/RockvilleTwilighter.

Glenview Mansion Summer Wedding Expo

WHEN YOU'VE found THE ONE...

SUNDAY, JULY 14 • 1-4 p.m.

\$5 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park
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All are welcome.

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MAYOR FOR THE DAY ALL THE WAY ... Jaden Walcoff, a fourth-grader in Jennifer McInroy's class at Ritchie Park Elementary School, served as the city's Mayor for a Day on May 23. Jaden, a district winner of the "If I Were Mayor, I Would ..." statewide essay contest sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Mayors' Association, wrote an essay about how if he were mayor he would find a way for food trucks and restaurants to coexist. Learn more about Jaden's honorary term as mayor at www.rockvillemd.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1820.

New Section to Lead Permitting and Development Review Improvement New Customer Services Center Created

John Foreman, a professional planner with more than a decade's experience working for cities in Texas, has been selected to lead a new customer-focused services center within the City of Rockville's Planning and Development Services Department.

The section's mission will be to improve Rockville's development review and permitting processes, continuing a project underway already through the FAST initiative, an acronym for the project's goal of making the process faster, accountable, smarter and transparent for residents, contractors, developers, and other customers.

"John has a variety of experience in development services, such as overseeing building permit staff and facilitating development plan review," Planning and Development Services Department Director Ricky Barker said. "John will be a great asset to our department and the city, and I believe he will facilitate significant improvements to the development and permitting processes."

Foreman, who began



with the city on Monday, July 1, will be tasked with creating a one-stop shop

for all development and permitting customers, as well as working citywide across departments and sections to implement improvements to development and permitting activities.

"I'm excited to be joining the team," Foreman said. "I've been impressed with both the City of Rockville in general and the Planning and Development Services Department in particular. We have a lot of work ahead updating and improving processes, and I'm confident that we have the tools and team in place to get it done."

Development Services staff will, among other initiatives, implement software to make plan submission easier, as well as facilitate the review and processing of development proposals and permits through an enhanced multidisciplinary development review committee.



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BACK IN THE DAY ... Rent-a-Kid? You could, care of Rockville's Youth Services Division, the "City of Rockville Newsletter" from Aug. 11, 1976, tells us. Teens ages 13-18 could find jobs through the service such as babysitting, housecleaning, laundry and lawn mowing. Pay was either negotiable or in the vicinity of \$2 an hour.



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